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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-20, 46-68, 83-91 have been cancelled by Applicant.

Response to Election/Restrictions

2. Applicant's election of Group II (21-34, 35-45, 69-82) and Species A(i) (claims 21-34, 35-45, 46-59, 76-80) and Species B(i) (claims 27, 37, 73) without traverse in the reply filed on 9/15/2005 is acknowledged.

3. Claims 28, 38-39, 75, 81-82 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 9/15/2005.

Specification

1. The amendment filed 9/15/2005 is objected to under 35 U.S.C. 132(a) because it introduces new matter into the disclosure. 35 U.S.C. 132(a) states that no amendment shall introduce new matter into the disclosure of the invention. The added material which is not supported by the original disclosure is as follows: the newly added recitation of "programmed material consolidation".

Applicant is required to cancel the new matter in the reply to this Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 21-27, 29-37, 40-45, 69-74, 76-80 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The specification only provides support for the recitation of stereolithographic fabrication, not other methods of programmed material consolidation.

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 26-27, 31-34, 36-37, 43-45, 73-74, 77-80 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claims 26-27, 37, 73-74, the phrase “substantially planar” is vague and indefinite because it is unclear what constitutes “substantially” planar.

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In claims 31-32, 43, 77-78, the phrase “substantially cured” is vague and indefinite because it is unclear what constitutes “substantially” cured.

In claims 36, the phrase “substantially free” is vague and indefinite because it is unclear what constitutes “substantially” free.

In claims 45, the phrase “substantially the same degree of finishing” is vague and indefinite because it is unclear what constitutes “substantially” the same degree.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 21-22, 24, 26-27, 35-37, 40-42, 45, 69, 71, 73-74, 76 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over CRUMP (US 5,121,329) or BAE ET AL (US 5,545,367).

CRUMP discloses a release article for stereolithographically fabricated objects, wherein the planar article comprises a surface securing the article to the platen and a surface contacting the fabricated object and facilitating release of said object. (line 24-41, col. 20)

BAE ET AL discloses a release article for stereolithographically fabricated objects, wherein the planar article comprises a surface adhering the article to the platen and a surface contacting the fabricated object and facilitating easy release of said object. (line 24-42, col. 2)

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use conventional adhering methods such as adhesives to secure a planar release sheet to a platen in order to facilitate clean removal of fabricated objects.

Conclusion


8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vivian Chen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1506. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 6 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carol Chaney, can be reached on (571) 272-1284. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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